

session closed on Tuesday. This bill was introduced and explained on the preceding Thursday. It could have been debated until to-day if the Opposition had wanted to do so. But they did not want to do so; and in spite of that are not ashamed to object to it to-day in order to, as they desire, cast some odium upon the Government. The Opposition did not call for a division. They did not say one word in opposition to the bill. They wanted the bill to pass. Consequently it was carried unanimously, they voting with the rest of the members in favor of it. There will be more to be said later on."

The Liberal Attitude

Since the prorogation of the Legislature, both The Globe and Mr. MacKay have started to oppose the guarantee. In a speech at Fergus on the 19th April, Mr. MacKay declared that the Opposition had no opportunity to discuss the guarantee, and that there was very little justification for some features of it.

The fact, however, appears to be that the Opposition, on the advice of Mr. MacKay, deliberately decided to support the measure. This is made clear from the following interview given by Mr. Pense, M.P.P., chief lieutenant of the Liberal leader and published in the press on April 24th:

"Mr. Pense stated that he had conferred with Mr. MacKay as to the action the Opposition should take, and that the Liberal leader had advised against any opposition to the measure, maintaining that the Liberals were committed to it by their previous guarantee, and that the present proposals were in accord with the policy inaugurated by the Liberals."